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Hongkong, January 3, 1912.

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LADIES AND SMOKING.

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Cigarette.

"Smoking is becoming far more common among Society ladies," said a West-end cigarette merchant to one of our representatives to-day. "A few years ago there was scarcely any demand from ladies for cigarettes. Now, they are some of our best customers. The habit, too, is indulged in more openly than it was, and it is not an uncommon sight to see a lady motorist, who is making calls, putting away at a miniature cigarette in the intervals, or a lady golfer doing the same, while at many of the West-end restaurants ladies no longer take the trouble to conceal their penchant for the cigarette."

"What kind of cigarette do they smoke?" "An ordinary small size Turkish cigarette without a mouthpiece," said the manager of Messrs. Whitmore and Bayley of Piccadilly, the West-end agents for the well-known Turkish "Maitine" cigarettes. These very small cigarettes, with gold mouthpiece specially made for ladies, are not much in favour. Some of our lady customers order 300 or 400 a week.

"Many ladies, however, have got beyond the cigarette stage, and smoke cigars—mild Havannahs. Lady journalists and artists are among the greatest devotees of the weed, and I suppose this fact must be attributed to the more strenuous life and the craving for a nervous mother. So far as a Turkish cigarette is concerned, I do not

think it conveys the slightest harm to the smoker, male or female, as the percentage of nicotine is only one per cent. In Cuba, girls of seven and eight years of age smoke cigarettes without apparent ill-effect. So far as absolutely pure tobacco is smoked, no harmful effects need be feared."

"It," added the manager, "is true that tobacco is a sweetener and equaliser of the temper, and men might do worse than encourage the smoking of an occasional cigarette by their better halves." —*The Globe*.

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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG.

SUNDAY, 18th AUGUST.

10.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN' 4.00 P.M. 'PATSHAN.'

MONDAY, 19th AUGUST.

8.00 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN' 8.00 A.M. 'HONAM'

10.00 P.M. 'PATSHAN' 5.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN.'

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'SUI TAI' Tons 1851. S.S. 'SUI AN' Tons 1851.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 A.M. & 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf, Sunday, at 9 A.M. & 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

EXCURSIONS TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 18th AUGUST.

The Company's Steamship "HEUNGSHAN," will depart from the Company's CANTON STEAMERS WHARF at 9 A.M. Departure from Macao at 4 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday leaving at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'HOI-SANG' 457 Tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 P.M. Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 P.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF
HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD., AND THE Indo-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

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S.S. 'SAINAM' 683 Tons, and S.S. 'NANNING' 666 Tons.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers, 'LIANTAN' and 'SANU'. These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

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GENERAL IMPORT &
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FURNITURE, Drapery, Groceries
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The Chinese and English class in Canton to
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WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale
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IMPROVED LAVENDER TALCUM POWDER

Antiseptic and Soothing. 45 Cents per tin.

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Specially recommended by the Medical Faculty for all forms of

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196 J. H. TAGGART, Manager.

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ADMIRABLY SITUATED AT VICTORIA GATE.

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NO. 2, Queen's Road Central.

A FIRST-CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE HOTEL.

ENTIRELY under European Management. Situated in the most central position

Large and airy Rooms, luxuriously furnished, Electric Light and Fan throughout.

Sanitary arrangements of the latest pattern.

Ladies' Afternoon Tea Room. Special rates for married families or application to the Manager.

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CENTRALLY situated, up-to-date Hotel. Recently renovated and under entirely

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Hongkong, July 20, 1910.

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An Ideal Family Hotel, where Living is a Real Pleasure.

FIRST CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT. CONVENIENTLY SITUATED. ALL MODERN COMFORT.

Noted for its First-Class Cuisine and Perfection of Service.

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In order to meet the demands of our numerous customers in Kowloon we have decided to open a branch at 58, Haiphong Road, from which our famed French Bread and Mocca Coffee and all the choice delicacies for which our Hongkong Store holds first rank in the Colony will be delivered on shortest notice.

Opening Day: Saturday, July 20.

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THE FRENCH STORE.

Hongkong April 19, 1912.

Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS, HONGKONG.J. T. HAMILTON, GENERAL MANAGER
FOR THE EAST, TOKYO.

New Insurance Paid for... £ 25,687,500

Outstanding insurance amounts

to £ 283,653,220

Assets amount to £ 104,068,655

Surplus amounts to £ 17,828,786

Dividends to Policyholders:

1910..... £ 10,576,157

Total paid Policyholders 1910 £ 53,439,360

Total Expenses for 1910..... £ 10,392,032

Gross Income from Interests

and Rents for 1910..... £ 21,646,625

Gross rate of Income from Investments, 1910..... 4.482

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1912. 722

Investment for the latter being 33%.

Raubs have declined to a selling quotation of \$31.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks after sales at \$14 can now be placed to a limited extent at \$16. Kowloon Wharves have been done, and more shares are required for at \$11. Shanghai Docks, Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves, and Amoy Docks are unchanged locally and no business is reported.

Lasts, Hotels & Buildings:—Hongkong Lands, are procurable at \$10.25. Kowloon Lands are in request at \$4. West Points at \$84, and Humphrey Estate at \$71, the latter after sales. Hongkong Hotels are wanted at \$11 (old) and \$75 (new).

Cotton Mills:—Ewers have buyers at \$23, Ices \$20, U. to Water Boats

\$10, and Powells at \$7.

London Quotations:—The following quotations (middle price) were received from London by wire this morning:

United Seedlings..... 112/-

Saplings..... 23/9

London Asiatics..... 11/-

E. & I. Trusts..... 18/6

Rubber Trusts..... 9/6 prem.

Tronols..... 74/-

H.K. Electric Trams..... 4/6

Shell Transports..... 107/5

Chinese Engineering..... 33/9

Indo-Chinas..... 140/-

London Ventures..... 1/1

Pahang Consolidateds..... 9/6

Shelfords..... 46/6

Cuba Kalimpong..... 31/-

Anglo-Malays..... 15/-

Labus..... 98/-

Long-Lau-dors (fully paid)..... 2/- dozen.

Sumatra Paras..... 9/3

Revenue Fire Branch..... 2,567,158

" Life and Annuity..... 1,973,269

Branches.....

Revenue Marine Department..... 262,692

Other Receipts..... 430,193

£ 5,233,312

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Agents

JAPANESE MAKERS.

EVERY KIND
OF
FootwearMADE
TO
ORDER

CHERRY & CO.

PEDDER STREET,
Opposite Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, May 5, 1912.

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COMMERCIAL

SHARE REPORT:

Messrs Vornon and Smyth in their weekly share report, dated Aug. 10th, state:—The local market on the whole has undergone but little change during the past week, rates generally have ruled steady with a fair business passing. Sterling "Rubbers" have maintained the improvement reported in our last, but as the close the market would appear to be on the very side. Fine Hard Para Rubber is to-day quoted at 4.11 per lb. and the tendency of the share market steady. Singapore stocks continue on the firm side, but there is little business reported in this section. Discount rates are unchanged at 3 per cent. (Bank of England) and 3½ per cent. (open market rate). But Silver closes at 23d. ready, 23d forward and Sterling T. T. at 22d. Shanghai T. T. is quoted at 73d, and Singapore T. T. at 83d.

Banks:—Hongkong and Shanghaik have been booked at \$287, and more are obtainable at this figure. The London rate after advancing to £284.10/- has apparently receded again to £284, the last rate reported per "Reuter."

Marine Insurances:—Unions have been booked at \$705, and more shares are on offer at \$800. Cautions can be placed at \$287, but no shares appear to be available under an advance. Yangtze has declined to a selling quotation of \$100 at Ex. 73.

Fires Insurances:—Chinas continue in request at \$132 with no shares obtainable under \$133. Hongkong are quiet at \$354 with probable sellers.

Shipping:—Hongkong, Canton and Macao continue in request at £26 after reported sales at £26 at which the market closes with probable sellers. Indo-Chinas have receded to \$874 ex dividend sellers, the London rate being unchanged at 140—middle price. China and Manilar can be placed at \$83, and Douglasses at \$86. Star Ferries are in demand at \$40 to \$41. There are buyers of Shell Transports for local account at 108/- after sales to London at various rates down to 107.6.

Refineries:—China Sugars, close on the easy side at \$116, after sales at the rate, and at \$117.

Mining:—Tronols have ruled steady with sales to London at 73/9 and a closing quotation of 74.6 middle price. Bawoods are obtainable from London at 4.4, and Chinese Engineering at 34.3, the middle

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H. STEPHENS,
19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

Hongkong, April 17 1912.

BY RAIL TO INDIA.

What The New Project Means.

BY LOVAT FRASER.
Before long the great Trans-Persian railway scheme will transcend all other issues in the Middle East. Already it dwarfs the internal problems of Persia, and the recent debate in the House of Commons revealed the hold it has taken upon men's minds.

The attitude of the Radical Party towards the scheme need not concern us very much. It is dictated, not by anxiety about the safety of India but rather by hatred of Russia. Had the Trans-Persian scheme been a German project it would have been overwhelmed with benedictions. Although Russia is literally the most democratic country in the world to-day, it is hated because in some muddled way it is supposed to be at variance with the intangible thing called Liberalism. Radical opposition to the Trans-Persian scheme arises from sentimental hostility to Russia and has little relation either to the merits of the proposed railway or to the safety of India.

RUSSIAN AND INDIAN DEFENCE.

Military objections to the railway must be treated with greater respect because they are both sincere and widespread. Many soldiers, some of them of great eminence, argue that a railway through Persia to India will upset the whole scheme of Indian defence. "We have laboured," they say, "for a hundred years to keep Russia as far away from India as possible. We have fought two wars to maintain Afghanistan as a buffer State. The whole policy of Indian defence is based upon the theory that Russia should never be allowed to approach India. Lord Kitchener hurried on his great redistribution scheme because he was alarmed when Russia built a new line from Orenburg to Tashkent. And now we are asked not only to open the door but to build the way thicker."

The answer to these objections is that it was never contemplated that India should ever remain isolated by land from the world without. The founder of the Middle Eastern school of politicians was the late Sir Henry Rawlinson, a man of whom Lord Curzon once confessed that he took him as his exemplar. Rawlinson was the earliest exponent of what he believed to be the Russian menace, but he also declared that a scheme for "a continuous iron road to East and West" ought to enlist the common sympathy and support of all the European Powers. British soldiers and civil administrators have repeatedly sought to extend railways from India westward. Lord Roberts wanted to build a line to the Peiwa Kotel in 1880. Vast quantities of rails for a line to Kandahar collected at Chaman, on the Afghan frontier, and possibly are there still. Lord Curzon actually built the first section of a projected line from Quetta to Soltan. Lord Kitchener urged the Amir Habibullah to build a railway from the Khyber to Kabul. Three years ago, when I was standing on the fort at Jamrud, I saw the mysterious line built by Lord Kitchener from that spot along the Kabul River valley towards Afghanistan. For some reason or other it has since been torn up by Lord Morley.

THE WORLD CANNOT STAND STILL.
The large answer to the military objection is, however, that military plan and strategy must be readjusted to meet changing conditions. The world cannot stand still. The first bows and arrows must have seriously disturbed the staff officers of the fifty-six armies. The Duke of Wellington declared that railways would ruin England. Consider, for example, the extraordinary changes which aeroplanes will produce in the next war. The whole principle of the cavalry screen which was supposed to shield an army's advance is already obsolete. As a layman, I do not believe that the Trans-Persian Railway will have the slightest material effect upon the security of India. Railways in Europe have never precipitated war. The Siberian Railway brought to a head a conflict that had been brewing for forty years, but only because it traversed Russian territory alone and ended in one of the richest and most fertile provinces of the East. The grim hills of Mekran and the deserts of Eastern Persia will still intervene between India and a possible invader. The true line of advance for a northern foe will remain, as it has been since history began, through Afghanistan.

It is nevertheless an original system which consecrates the principality of Paul Fort. I say 350 votes over Paul Rouchon, who secured 20, and all the other contestants, who together did not score a hundred. So that, out of the millions of readers who may imagine that they have a word to say only some 600 or 800 have decided the question. The first scene to place in the offices of the "Globe Bleue" were all the literary critics of Paris, had been invited, and where a considerable gathering of the class was seen. The votes collected by "Gil Blas," "Le Comœdia," "La Presse," were then checked and added together, and the result announced as above amidst great applause, especially the howling of the "loups" for the success of their particular candidate. M. Jean Royer then read out the proclamation as follows:

Habamus principem peccatum excellentem et festinissimum poetam Paulum Fortem gallicum Paulum Fortem, quem acclamare deinceps latine, cum hunc nostra corona tribunus, secundum antiquum morem, certe Ronsard et Villon tempore digniorum.

After this a rush was made to a certain literary café in the Latin Quarter where Paul Fort habitually holds his court, and the glorious news was given to him. M. Paul Fort is forty years of age and married. In 1890 he founded the "Théâtre d'Art." In the same year he produced a prose comedy called "La petite bête," and since then has produced his "Ballades Françaises" in a score of volumes.

In 1896 he started the "Livre d'Art," and since 1905 he has edited the review "Vers et prose," besides contributing

to many of the "revues" in which unrecognised talent struggled for fame.

M. Paul Fort is a striking figure,

and can never be forgotten or mistaken for anybody else. He invariably dresses in black with a blacked coat buttoning under the chin over a flowing tie.

The traditional roomy pegtop trousers and broad-brimmed black hat give him the correct artist air. He wears his abundant black hair long, and it frames his face entirely, curling beneath his hat over his ears, whilst a thick mustache gives a so-easy that moustache cachet to a physiognomy lit up with brilliant, black eyes, scarcely dreamy enough for the ideal poet.

In spite of the huge majority given to him it would be rash to affirm that he is the best living French poet, but in poetry, as in love and kissing, everything goes by favour, and Paul Fort is certainly the most beloved by his contemporaries and disciples. Whatever may be the verdict of future generations, the present one seems quite satisfied with the votus that has given the principality to him who has succeeded in raising their enthusiasm and pleasing them as much by his manners as by his verses.

FROM CALAIS TO CALCUTTA.

We have boasted of the many thousands of miles of railway we have built in India.

Not only have we done nothing towards

these international communications which are being pressed forward in every other great country, but we have not even made sufficient through routes within our own borders. These are the direct line between Bombay and Karachi, men still have to travel between these two great ports by sea. There is actually a railway between India and Burma; again the sea must be sought. Railways are being developed in the Malay Peninsula; we have never thought of linking them

LOSING WEIGHT
BY THE POUND

"Under Weight," a condition of ill-health, shows your assimilative powers are decreasing.

WATERBURY'S
METABOLIZED
COD LIVER OIL
COMPOUND

Supplies the blood with the wanted nourishing and healthy flesh building materials. Very palatable.

OF ALL CHEMISTS

Patents: \$1.25 and \$2.25.

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CITY HALL
TO-NIGHT, 17th AUGUST.

THE GREAT

CARANGEOT TROUPE.

ROYAL ARTISTES.

15 European Artistes

WILL GIVE THE BEST SHOW EVER SEEN IN HONGKONG.

MR. SLADECK, The World's Champion Trick Cyclist.

PROFESSOR RECKER AND CHARLIE, Conjurers and Magicians.

MISS FRANZINA, National Character Dancer.

BROTHERS CARANGEOT, Saloon Acrobats.

JARANI AND CLEMENS, Double Trapeze Act.

FAMILIE ANTONIA, Musical Clown.

GUGL & MUGL, Comic Entree.

TONJA & BOB, Wonderful Balancing Act.

BROTHERS SLADECK, Double Cycle Act.

FAMILIE CARANGEOT, Statue Marble.

GRAND PANTOMIME given by the troupe.

TICKETS: \$3, \$2 and \$1.

SATURDAY AT 4.30 P.M. MATINEE.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME.

Tickets: \$2.00 and \$1.00.

Booking at MOUNTIES.

Hongkong, August 13, 1912.

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MOUNIE'S BRANDY

AND SEE THAT YOU GET IT.

Messrs. J. Denis, H. Mounie have received the Royal Warrant appointment to His Majesty King George V, and are the only British firm who have been thus honoured.

MOUNIE'S BRANDIES are supplied by all the leading Restaurants in London, including the Ritz, Savoy, Carlton, Claridges and Langham.

GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,

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9 p.m.—The Carnegeot Troupe at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.
Emperor of Austria-Hungary's Birthday (1880).
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

MEMO FOR MONDAY.
Criminal Sessions.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20.—4.30 p.m.—Lady May's "At Home" at Mountain Lodge.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23.—9 p.m.—Bandmann Opera Co. at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.—3.30 p.m.—Full Moon.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.—9 a.m.—Property Sale by Mr. Geo. P. Lamont.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31.—Queen of Netherlands' Birthday (1880).
9 p.m.—Aquatic Fête at V.R.C.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1912

HOME POLITICS.

THE latest phase of the Irish Home Rule question gives promise of being of a very sensational nature—no less sensational than the probable arrest of some leading Statesmen of the Unionist Party who have been, it must be admitted, unnecessarily bellicose in their speeches and defiant in their attitude towards the Government who are trying to bring about the realisation of Mr. Gladstone's ideal in Ireland. As to whether Home Rule for Ireland may or may not be beneficial for the country most concerned or for the Empire as a whole must still be considered a debatable point. Times have very largely changed since Mr. Gladstone first introduced the measure and, with the times, the measure also has undergone great alterations. To-day, in the minds of most impartial men, to grant a measure of local government to Ireland does not appear to present any serious revolutionary movement, for the day when Ireland was "priest ridden," as the phrase had it, has long since past—gone into the limbo of things that have lost their efficacy. Home Rule for Ireland or, for that matter of it, for any part of the Empire, surely cannot but make for a lessening and ever-increasing volume of work that at present devolves upon the Imperial Parliament. As Mr. Ralston pointed out, the granting of such power to component parts of the Empire, certainly does seem entirely contrary to the spirit of the age, which makes for centralisation nevertheless, it cannot be doubted that such a policy is necessary so far as local government is concerned.

The principal feature of the controversy as it at present stands is not as to how the measure is likely to fare in the House of Commons or even in the House of Lords, so much as what may probably be the sequel should it be operative. Much of the "oratory" of the Orangemen may easily be put down as so much rhodomantade, mere empty swagger, the echo of the opinions handed down to them by men who were actuated by entirely different

motives. Many of them, however, may be safely relied upon to carry their threats into practice, if the opportunity presents itself, for many are still actuated by a religious zeal quite unworthy of the creed they acknowledge or the motives they profess.

But what of the leaders of the fiery element of Ulster? No matter what justification they may have believed they had, it was quite clear that there was more the result of their political aspirations than their desire for the welfare of Ulster—a province that can well look after itself. Much as Mr. Bonar Law is worthy of admiration, the unqualified nature of his statements recently regarding Ulster and the Orangemen were excessively violent.

If genuine, which one may well doubt, they were the result of passion, if for the making of political capital, which is much more likely, they were unnecessarily outspoken. In any case, they were unworthy of the leader of a great Party and of such a nature as could never be associated with his predecessor, Sir Edward Carson and Mr. F. E. Smith have also made themselves notorious for the expression of strong remarks, which were in no way justified. In their case also, it is not difficult to understand what is the real source of their violent language. We think it absolutely inexcusable that they should have gone to extreme limits, by which they have stirred up the passions of the mob, who might be led to do incalculable injury. The distinguished men referred to have entirely forgotten what the effect of their words might lead to and thus they have completely erred. They may have a whole-hearted repugnance to Ulster being under the domination of a "Catholic" Parliament, and have been quite within

their rights in saying so, but the words they have used and the methods they have adopted, together with the underhand doings there are good grounds for believing we are about to be set in operation amply justify the Government in letting it be understood that such extreme actions can not be tolerated no matter how distinguished the individuals may be or how anxiously they may be longing for the spoils of victory or the sweets of office.

One of your Tientsin contemporaries, I note, referred to the heat that port was experiencing as "typical Hongkong heat," and while the good folk's "up there" were sweltering by day and toiling by night, we unfortunate Hongkongites were basking merrily during the day and enjoying the cool breezes by night.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 18th July was delivered in London on the 18th Aug.

On page 3 will be found the report of the 31st ordinary general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. held in London on 18th ulto.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 3rd August amounted to 27,109 tons and the Sales during the period, to 14,896 tons.

The case in which a Chinese woman was charged with selling newspapers without a licence, and which was remanded yesterday to half-past ten this morning, was dismissed. The woman was discharged.

August 18th was the birthday anniversary of His Majesty the Emperor-King Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary, the Consul for Russia in charge of the Consulate for Austria-Hungary will be "At Home" at the offices of the Austro-Hungarian Consulate from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Before the Justice of the Peace, Mr. Justice Gompertz, in chambers this morning, the case was taken in which the Kwong Heep Shing firm, compradores, of 72, Des Voeux Road, Central claimed from the Shing Cheong firm, 13, Queen Victoria Street, \$137.30 for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, solicitors, appeared on behalf of defendants and consented to judgment. Mr. Christopher Smith represented plaintiffs. The Shing Cheong were also sued by Yuen San, trading as Tim Koo at 272 Central Market, the claim being for \$110.69 for goods sold and delivered, and in this case also Mr. Lewis, for the defendants, consented to judgment for plaintiffs, who were represented by Mr. C. Smith.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

During the week there have been neither typhoons nor typhoon warnings. Surely the "dog days" have been affected by the Weather Clerk's Bureau!

The weather, however, has been quite satisfactory, for though several sudden sharp showers were responsible for a mild landfall or two, the atmosphere has been generally dry and quite pleasant at night time.

I mention this with all the more satisfaction because we poor Hongkongites are always being commiserated on account of the hardships we are called upon to endure in the summer months, which are invariably declared to be so very much more trying than those that afflict the good folks of certain towns, Treaty Ports, Model Settlements and other salubrious places to the North or the South.

But what are the facts apart from the fancies that are apt to somewhat upset the old-fashioned steerers about Hongkong's climate? Is it not the case that while climatic conditions in and about our Colony during the past few months are much as they might have been expected to be in the "Good old Summer Time," to quote the words of a certain classic ballad that was once the joy of the man in the street, "they were certainly by no means so rigorously roasting as appear to have prevailed in the North."

For what have the reports from Shanghai and Tientsin—Hankow we leave out of the question, as it stands in a class by itself, having apparently a little torn zone of its own every Summer-time and all the time—Well, have the said reports

invariably indicated that the heat and the humidity and the mosquitoes and the other ill-fated flesh is subject to in hot weather, been such as have literally made that worthy authority known as the oldest inhabitant "stare and gape," while the Weather Clerk" demonstrably kept the mercury somewhere in the regions of the centuary day after day—and, worse, still, night after night.

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In all seriousness, I think it must be said that, so far as the Summer has gone—and it has now gone quite a long way towards its completion—"our Summer" has been quite satisfactory, pleasant to the pedestrian, delightful to those who indulge in aquatics, to those who like to move about easily during the day and to those who like to sleep comfortably at night.

This is quite a lot to right about such a prosaic topic as the weather, but surely we owe it to the "Weather Clerk" to show our gratitude for what most of us have really been enjoying, for, as stated, in comparison with the two places specially mentioned above, Hongkong appears to have been a perfect paradise of sweet subtilty.

Most seriously do I promise to make no more notes on the weather, on typhoons, or even on those perplexing warnings for a long time—unless, of course, the exceptional nature of the circumstances warrant my sage attention.

At the Police Courts to-day, before Mr. E. A. Irving and Mr. C. D. Melbourne, the following cases were heard:

IN POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES.

Eleven men were charged with being in possession of a quantity of explosive powder and also a bomb.

It appears that they were arrested at No. 112, Queen's Road west.

The case was remanded.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION.

A Chinese was charged with feloniously taking away a girl, sixteen years of age, without the consent of her parents.

The case was remanded till Thursday.

CRIME SNATCHING.

While a Chinese woman was walking along Queen's Road West yesterday a man quickly deprived her of her ear-rings and which contained money. He was caught, however, and was subsequently sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

GAMBLING.

Seventeen men were charged with gambling at a house, No. 159 Des Voeux Road West, and were fined \$2 each.

For dealing in lottery tickets and for having a gambling house a man was fined \$100.

RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.

A man was ordered to undergo a term of six months' imprisonment for returning from banishment.

ALLEGED ASSAULT BY COOLIE.

In the evidence of a case in which a coolie was charged with assaulting another man, the complainant alleged that he was stabbed in the stomach. It appears that a scabbard caused in a house. The evidence against the defendant was not sufficient for the Magistrate to convict. He was accordingly discharged.

CHINESE PEACH-STONES.

Life is all right if you have nothing else to do.

A knife in Time is worth a hundred years in Eternity.

Without Poverty there would be no Wealth, but without Wealth there would be more Poverty.

A wise man does not take medicine in the dark.

It is the cloth cap that makes the Republic, not the Republic that makes the cloth cap.

When all is Well, there may be no Truth at the bottom of it.

Now, to deal practically with practical affairs, I should like to note, in the first place, that it was with the utmost satisfaction that I read of the apparently elaborate "preparations" being made in Peking to welcome the young Republic's greatest veterans and indubitably the greatest man—Dr. Sun Yat Sen and General Li Yuan Hung. The recognition from the combined officials sitting in the "Seats of the Mighty" near the Hall of the Hall of the Hall—has come somewhat tardily, but its apparent sincerity and cordiality will do much to remove past coldness.

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bines, anything might happen in the industrial world.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

Half-Yearly General Meeting.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall to-day at noon. Mr. E. Sheldren, Chairman of the Court of Directors, presided, Mr. F. H. Armstrong, Deputy Chairman, and there were also present Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Messrs. Friedland, F. H. Armstrong, N. J. Stabb (Chief Manager), C. S. Gubbay, G. R. Lawrence, F. Lieb, W. J. Patterson, Directors; Sir Paul Chater, Capt. W. E. Clarke, Messrs. W. H. Potts, J. C. W. Bonner, G. E. Towns, W. C. D. Turner, A. C. Hynes, E. Kadoorie, S. R. Carrill, W. Dunbar, F. Maitland, T. M. Macleod, J. M. E. Machado, S. H. Michael, D. Haskell, D. H. Silas, D. Macdonald, A. R. Lowe, A. J. P. Punnett, J. Barton, W. H. Purcell, R. M. Joseph, H. Skott, F. W. Melchers, J. H. N. Mody, E. Howard, H. Percy Smith, Murray Stuart, J. F. Wright, T. H. Waugh, H. Humphreys, Chiu Chan Sam, Chan Sau Ki, Yuen Hing Pong, H. M. H. Nianzze, Hon. Mr. Chau Kai Ming, Leung Wau Po, Tsang Foo, Ho Fook, Lau Cheung Shui, Wong Leung Hiu, Lau Chau Pak.

The Chief Manager, Mr. Stabb, read the notice convening the meeting.

Proposing the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the Chairman said,

"Gentlemen, The Report and Accounts

have been in your hands for some time,

and I propose, with your consent, to take them as read. When we met in February

last the outlook in this part of the world did not permit my predecessor in the Chair to be over optimistic in his remarks and it is therefore specially gratifying to your Directors to be able to lay before you this statement of the affairs of the Bank, showing a very satisfactory result of the half year's working.

I trust the following distribution, as recommended in the Report, will meet with your approval:—A dividend of 42 per cent. will be added to the silver reserve, bringing that Fund up to \$17,000,000; \$24 lucs to be written off bank promises account, and the balance of \$1,960,288.64 to be carried forward to the new profit and loss account. On this occasion, owing to the higher level of exchange, less dollars are required to

meet the dividend than for some time past, but, on the other hand, the earnings transferred from our offices in gold countries realise less in silver.

With the exception of the sterling

reserve fund, to which I shall presently refer, there does not appear to be anything in the accounts calling for special mention, and I do not, therefore, intend to take you through the various items in the balance sheet.

As regards the sterling reserve fund, I regret to say that the hope expressed at our last meeting, that no further necessity for writing down Consols would arise, has not been fulfilled.

In view of the fact that the market quotation at the end of June was 76.71.18 we thought it advisable to write our holding down to 75. As other gilt-edged stocks had followed the lead of Consols, it was found necessary to adjust our other sterling securities, and these have been written down by some \$9,500. To effect these adjustments we diverted \$34,818.69 of the half year's profit being the equivalent at 2/- 1.16 of £23,500.13, the amount expended in purchasing new securities, as stated in the report.

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CANADIAN PREMIER
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THE EMPIRE'S WORK.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 17.
The Hon. R. L. Borden, the Canadian Premier, in the course of a speech on receiving the Freedom of the City of Glasgow, dwelt on the urgent necessity for securing a way across the seas, for it was, he said, by that means alone that the Empire had been kept together. Great as had been the Empire's work, it would be even greater in the future.

THE BAHAMAS.

A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNORSHIP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 17.

Mr. Geo. Basil Haddon-Smith, C.M.G., has been appointed Governor of the Bahamas in succession to Sir William Grey Wilson, K.C.M.G., who has retired.

[Note:—Mr. Haddon-Smith has been Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone since 1901.—ED. C.M.]

TURKEY'S BALKAN PROVINCES.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 17.

Reuter's correspondent states that Austria-Hungary has been invited by the Powers to participate in an exchange of views on the condition of the Balkan Provinces of the Ottoman Empire.

AMERICA AND THE FUR SEAL CONVENTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 17.

A telegram from Washington states that the Senate has passed the Fur Seal Treaties with Great Britain, Russia, and Japan; also a Bill prohibiting the land-killing of seals on the Pribiloff Islands for the next ten years.

AN UNFORTUNATE V. I.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 17.

The Irish veterinary inspector, Mr. Bell, has contracted foot and mouth disease, having had his finger bitten by a bullock.

TSAR OF BULGARIA'S JUBILEE.

THE POPULATION TRANQUILL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 16.

Rejoicings are taking place in Bulgaria in connection with the jubilee of Tsar Ferdinand, who reviewed the army in the ancient capital of Tervovo, and in a speech emphasised the need for a pacific policy. The speech had a tranquilising effect on the population.

MINERS' MINIMUM WAGE.

THE ACT DENOUNCED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 16.

The Conference of the Miners Federation at Blackpool denounced the administration of the Minimum Wage Act as most unsatisfactory.

NEW LAMP FOR MINERS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 16.

The Home Office prize of £600 for the best electric lamp for miners has been won by a German named Farber of Dortmund.

AN ALPINE TRAGEDY.

HOME-MOON COUPLE KILLED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 16.

Mr. Humphrey Jones, a Cambridge solicitor, and his wife, while on a honeymoon trip, have been killed in climbing the Alps.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Commission of Oil Fuel for the Navy.

CASTOR OIL NEEDED, TOO.

For summer diarrhoea in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and castor oil and a speedy cure is certain. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

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THE TEST MATCHES.

THE METHOD OF SCORING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 17.
Much discussion is taking place regarding the method of scoring in the Triangular Test Cricket Matches. It is contended that a victory for Australia in the final test will leave England and Australia level. Consequently, the Board of Control will meet on Monday to consider a proposal to play a fourth test match between England and Australia, if necessary, at the Oval.

NEWS FROM JAPAN.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 17.

Prince Katsura has been appointed Grand Chamberlain and Lord Keeper of the Seal. It is generally expected that he, with his great experience and knowledge of affairs of the State, will be an excellent adviser to the Empire.

A Peking telegram states that Dr Sun Yat Sen and Wang Hing left Shanghai for Peking on the 13th inst. by Japanese steamer. The former Imperial Guards Division in Peking have been granted a month's holiday in case they should offer some violence to the two distinguished revolutionaries!

HOME CRICKET.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Aug. 17.

Kent beat Somerset at Taunton by 8 wickets.

THE ULSTER DEMONSTRATIONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Aug. 16.

The programme of the Ulster Demonstrations on August 2nd stated that on September 28 the Loyalists will attend a special religious service and take a solemn pledge of covenant.

THE ORANGEMEN'S SOLEMN PLEDGE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 17.

There is nothing doing for "outsiders" and as will be seen from the list of settlements overseas, a regular line has accepted 13 cents per picul, which can be taken as nominal quotation. Rice exports during this season amount to total 43,000 tons as compared with 513,271 tons same period last year. Quotation stands for August shipment \$7.70 per picul f.o.b. against \$5.25, same time last year.

Saigon/Philippines.—There was a good demand for tonnage in this direction, but business has again been restricted to a few charters. Further tonnage is still wanted on basis of last fixtures.

Hongkong/Manila.—Owing to high prices ruling at Saigon, importers have bought to a good deal of rice on our local market, and "outside" vessels found employment for a trip hence to Manila.

Saigon/Singapore.—From inquiries put on our market one charter has resulted on lumpsum basis, the rate working out at about 18 cents per picul.

Saigon/Java.—Nothing doing.

Java/Outward.—There was a good demand for prompt, but no tonnage was procurable locally. The China/Java market has again been taken up by German S.S. "Petrichor" 3000 tons D/W, carrying capacity 6 months. Timesharter at \$7.70 per month.

Newchow/anton.—Only one settlement is on record, the rate and being slightly better compared with the terms of last fixtures.

Timor/Java.—The German S.S. "Petrichor" has been chartered at \$7.70 per ton Hongkong trade 6 months at \$27,500 the Ret. S.S. "Kumchow" for Saigon/Hong Kong run 6/3 months at \$6000 and Norw. S.S. "Auna's" charter has been extended for a further period of 3 months at \$7.50 per month.

Coal Freight.—After a long time offering partpaid Moji/Hongkong at \$2.00 per ton only a fortnight ago, rats have again slightly advanced and at the close \$2.10 is offered.

Fixtures reported.—Moji/Hongkong 20, "Honza/Canton and Hongkong/long ton, private terms.

Sail Tonnage loading or to load. For Baltimore and New York, Brit. barque "Comet" September/October loading.

ALLEGED ESPIONAGE IN ENGLAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 16.

A Belgian, named Quatlet, has been arrested at Galway on suspicion of espionage.

There have been rumours in military circles that a foreign Power was endeavouring to procure a map of the Galway coast.

THE MIKADO'S FUNERAL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 16.

Field Marshall Lord Methuen and Admiral Sir E. S. Poo will accompany Prince Arthur of Connaught to Tokio.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Commission of Oil Fuel for the Navy.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

ANY sufferers from chronic diarrhoea have obtained prompt relief by the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Some of the worst cases of this disease have been permanently cured by it after other treatment and skillful physicians had failed. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

SECOND EDITION

Stop Press News

BY TELEGRAPH.

PANAMA CANAL BILL

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 17.

A telegram from Washington states that the Senate, by 48 votes to 18, have adopted the Panama Canal Bill, as modified by the Conference of the Senate and the Congress.

THE PORTUGUESE ROYAL & LISTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Aug. 17.

Reuter's Madrid correspondent telegraphs that Captain Coimero, the Portuguese Royalist Leader, has issued a manifesto in which he states that he has resigned the command of the Portuguese Royalists. He also states that any attempt against the Portuguese Republic is doomed to failure.

COMMERCIAL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Aug. 17.

Since issue of last circular under date of 3rd instant, chartering was again restricted by the scarcity of tonnage and the business concluded during the fortnight under review is even smaller than that of the preceding period. The North also reports that the past fortnight has been a very quiet one, not so much for the want of orders as from an entire absence of the Gymkhana Club. Entrance free.

LADIES' NOMINATION RACE. Gentlemen competitors will start from a given point mounted on China ponies and will ride to another given point, where they will hand ponies to Macao and dismount. Each competitor will carry a fishing rod. On dismounting he will run to a third given point with fishing rod, where his lady nominatrix will be awaiting him. He will hand fishing rod to the lady who will proceed to a "lake" where she will fish as directed. On catching fish, lady will run about ten yards to the Judge, carrying her fish on her hook as caught. Lady first reaching Judge with fish on hook as caught to win. First, second and third prizes presented by the Gymkhana Club. Entrance free.

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THREE QUARTER MILE. Handicap. For all China Ponies. First prize \$100. 2nd prize \$25.

Mr. A. R. Lowe's Birmingham, 144 lbs (Gron) 1

Also ran:—Deford, Norman Chief and Plover.

Time: 1. 49 sec.

Pari-Mutuel (Winner) \$17.50, 1st place \$21.70.

Cash Sweep: Ticket No. 67, \$504.

The three "also-rans" mistook the start for a false start and did not go over the course.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER. Handicap. For all China Ponies. First prize \$100. 2nd prize \$25.

Mr. F. J. Wylye (Winner), 154 lbs (Gron) 1

Miss H. Tones came in first but was disqualified because Mr. Wylye rode to the wrong post. Accordingly the second and third to come in were awarded first and second places respectively.

None of the others finished.

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Father O'Flynn's Blackmore Vals (Gron) 1

Mr. Blank's Joy (Mr. Weideman) 152 lbs 2

Mr. Brutton's Aspinwall (Owner) 152 lbs 3

Pari-Mutuel \$18.40; 1st place \$3.50; second \$5.20. Cash Sweep: Ticket No. 27, \$174.00; 2nd ticket No. 107, \$212.00; 3rd ticket No. 3, \$174.00; 4th ticket No. 140, \$67.50.

DAINTY BLOUSES.

CHIFFON AND LACE SCARVES.

NEW SHAPED UNDERSKIRTS.

THE CARANGEOU TROUPE.

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